

COUNTY-WIDE STANDARDS:

UNDERGROUND UTILITIES REGULATION & INTENT

Sec. 19-571. All utility lines, such as electric, telephone, CATV or other similar lines shall be installed underground. This requirement shall apply to lines serving individual site as well as to utility lines necessary within projects.

INTENT:

Chesterfield County believes the visual clutter caused by overhead utility lines should not increase. Residential areas and office and industrial parks without overhead utility lines are

clearly more aesthetically pleasing. The ordinance requirement does not allow any overhead utility lines to be extended overhead from any existing poles, regardless of how far a site is from existing service. New poles are allowed in line with existing overhead utility service to provide for line drops to underground service. Road crossings are generally required to be bored but VDOT will consider open cuts on a per case basis.

